Remarks

The Office Action mailed March 11, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 13-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1-12 have been cancelled. Claims 13-18 are allowed.

The objection to Claims 14 and 16 is respectfully traversed. Specifically, Claims 14 and 16 have each been amended as suggested in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the objections to Claims 14 and 16 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B. Reeser,

Registration No 45,548

ARMSTRONO TEASDALE LLP One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600

St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2740

(314) 621-5070